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SUBJECT: EXCELSIOR FRONTPAGES NEW CONGRESSIONAL LETTER ON POLITICAL  
SITUATION IN MEXICO

1. EXCELSIOR GAVE EIGHT COLUMN HEADLINES (ABOVE MASTHEAD) TO  
LETTER SIGNED BY 76 US CONGRESSMEN EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT  
THE PRESIDENT IS NOT BEING KEPT INFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
OF WHAT THE SIGNERS SEE AS ALARMING POLITICAL SITUATION DE-  
VELOPING IN MEXICO. IN ARTICLE BYLINED BY EXCELSIOR WASHINGTON  
CORRESPONDENT FAUSTO FERNANDEZ PONTE, EXCELSIOR QUOTES FULL  
TEXT OF A LETTER, WHICH LARGELY REITERATES CONCERNS EXPRESSED  
IN MAY 5 LETTER OF THIRTY US CONGRESSMEN. THIS LETTER MAKES  
NINE POINTS IN SUPPORT OF FEAR THAT A "CACTUS CURTAIN" MAY  
BE ERECTED ALONG THE RIO GRANDE:

A) AMNESTY LEGISLATION TO "HUNDREDS OF SOVIET AGENTS"

(1968 STUDENT RIOTS PARTICIPANTS);

B) APPOINTMENT OF AT LEAST A THOUSAND COMMUNIST AND  
RADICAL FOREIGNERS IN IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.

C) GOM OBJECTIVE OF INCREASING "CULTURAL" TIES  
WITH SOCIALIST BLOC COUNTRIES;

D) DOWNPLAYING BY PRESIDEN ECHEVERRIA OF WAVE  
OF TERRORISM;

E) CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES UNDERMINING RIGHT OF  
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PRIVATE PROPERTY(HUMAN SETTLEMENTS LAW);

F) OBLIGATORY "CASTROITE" SINGLE TEXTBOOK ON  
SOCIAL SCIENCES;  
G) ANTI-U AND PRO-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT DEMOGOGUERY;  
H) GOM INDIFFERENCE AND INACTION ON LAND INVASIONS;  
AND I) GOM STATEMENTS SAYING AGRARIAN COLLECTIVIZATION  
IS GOM OBJECTIVE.

2. COMMENT:

PREVIOUS LETTER RECEIVED PROLONGED ATTENTION IN MEXICAN  
PRESS AND WAS CITED BY POLITICAL FIGURES AS "EVIDENCE" OF  
USG UNHAPPINESS WITH INDEPENDENCE OF GOM UNDER ECHEVERRIA,  
AS PRESSURE BEING EXERTED ON PRESIDENT-ELECT LOPEZ  
PORTILLO, AND AS EVIDENCE OF US ATTEMPTS TO "DESTABILIZE"  
MEXICO. THAT KIND OF PUBLIC REACTION WILL INEVITABLY BE  
REVIVED BY THE NEW LETTER.

3. EMBASSY PREPARING COMMENTS ON CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS FOR  
SUCH USE AS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH MAKE OF THEM.  
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